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SUBJECT: PRE-31ST UNGA CONSULTATION: ROMANIA

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1. DURING CALL ON ROMANIAN MFA IO ACTING CHIEF MARIN ALEXIE
SEPTEMBER 16, POLOFF OUTLINED U.S. POSITIONS ON OTHER
IMPORTANT UN ISSUES CONTAINED REFTEL. ALEXIE OFFERED
FOLLOWING COMMENTS:

A) UN RESTRUCTURING - WITHIN CONTEXT OF GOR'S GENERAL DESIRE
TO STRENGTHEN UN ROLE IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, GOR AGREES
THAT WORK OF AD HOC COMMITTEE ON RESTRUCTURING SHOULD
CONTINUE IN SPIKE OF MODEST RESULTS TO DATE, AND THAT
COMMITTEE'S MANDATE SHOULD BE EXTENDED.

B) DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE - GOR SUPPORTS NAM CALL FOR
SPECIAL GA ON DISARMAMENT. GOR HOPE IS THAT PRC AND FRANCE
WOULD PARTICIPATE, WHEREAS THEY HAVE NOT IN GENEVA TALKS.
FROM GOR POINT OF VIEW, SPECIAL SESSION IS MORE REALISTIC
THAN A WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE. ALEXIE AGREED WITH
OUR POINT THAT THERE MUST BE VERY CAREFUL PREPARATION FOR
ANY SUCH SESSION. SEE ALSO USUN 3722 FOR ROMANIAN VIEWS
ON DISARMAMENT WHICH PARALLEL THOSE EXPRESSED BY ALEXIE.

C) ZIONISM-RACISM - GOR DOES NOT AGREE TO EXCLUSION OF
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ISRAEL FROM UN NOR DOES IT SUPPORT INCLUSION OF ZIONISM

IN DEFINITION OF RECISM.

D) UN BUDGET - GOR SHARES U.S. CONCERN OVER BUDGET ADDONS. PRESENT UN BUDGET CONSTITUTES A HEAVY ENOUGH BURDEN ON MEMBERS, AND NEED NOW IS FOR GREATER EFFICIENCY.

2. ROMANIAN CONCERNS AT 31ST UNGA:

A) YOUTH - ALEXIE DREW ATTENTION TO GRO'S PREVIOUS PROPOSAL ON YOUTH WHICH WAS NOT CONSIDRED LAST SESSION. THIS YEAR, HE SAID, GOR PLANS TO PUSH CONSIDERATION OF IT VIGOROUSLY AND WILL SEEK PRIORITY CONSIDERATION. HE SPOKE OF POSSIBLE SDOPTION OF ROMANIAN PROPOSAL BY CONSENSUS.

B) NEW ECONOMIC ORDER - GOR WILL ACTIVELY SUPPORT NAM POSITION ON NIEO AND EXPECTS SUBJECT TO BE DISCUSSED AT UNGA.

C) MIDDLE EAST - GOR CONTINUES TO BE CONCERNED ABOUT MIDDLE EAST SITUATION AND WILL CONTINUE TO WORK ACTIVELY FOR PEACEFUL SOLUTION.

3. ROMANIAN DELEGATION - FONMIN MACOVESCU PLANS TO ATTEND FIRST TWO WEEKS OF GENERAL DEBATE, PROBABLY LEAVING BUCHAREST SEPTEMBER 19. DEPENDING ON HIS SCHEDULE, HE WILL RETURN IN FIRST TEN DAYS OF OCTOBER. ALEXIE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT WHILE AT UNGA MACOVESCU COULD MEET WITH SECRETARY AS IN PAST. EMBOFF MADE NO COMMITMENTS, STATING THAT, WHILE SECRETARY'S AGENDA IS OBVIOUSLY QUITE BUSY, SECRETARY DOES HOPE TO ATTEND PART OF UNGA AND TO MEET WITH CHIEFS OF FOREIGN DELEGATIONS. ROMULUS NEAGU, HEAD OF MFA'S IO DEPARTMENT WILL ATTEND ENTIRE SESSION. WITH ALEXIE AS PRINCIPAL BACK-UP MAN IN BUCHAREST. ALEXIE DID NOT KNOW IF PRESIDENTIAL COUNSELOR MALITA AND GOR AMBASSADOR IN GENEVA ENE, NOW ATTENDING GROUP OF 77 MEETING MEXICO, WOULD ALSO ATTEND UNGA. ALEXIE CONCLUDED WITH REQUEST FOR CLOSE CONSULTATION AND MUTUAL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS BETWEEN OUR DELEGATIONS IN NEW YORK, CONTEXT IN WHICH HE VIEWED PRESENT "HELPFUL AND INFORMATIVE" CONVERSATION.

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